

## TRIBUTE TO LYNN FITCH

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch.

My State has much to be proud of in Attorney General Fitch as the first Republican to hold this office in almost 150 years and as Mississippi's first female attorney general ever.

Specifically today, I rise to honor her for her unwavering fight to defend Mississippi's pro-life laws. Attorney General Fitch is representing the State of Mississippi in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* at the U.S. Supreme Court this term. This case is the most anticipated abortion case to reach the Court since *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* in 1992, nearly 30 years ago.

In the *Dobbs* case, Attorney General Fitch is defending a challenge to Mississippi House bill 1510, the Gestational Age Act Enacted in 2018, this legislation bans most abortions after 15 weeks gestation. By consistently defending this law all the way up to the Supreme Court, Attorney General Fitch has set the stage for the Court to consider overturning *Roe v. Wade* and return the issue of abortion to the States.

The *Dobbs* case presents the strongest challenge to *Roe* in our lifetime. It is encouraging that the Supreme Court, with its first conservative majority in many years, will hear arguments on the merits of this Mississippi law. I am so proud that our female Mississippi Attorney General will be in the courtroom to defend our law in this case.

In arguing for the Court to reconsider *Roe* in the State's brief in the case, Attorney General Fitch said, "There are those who would like to believe that *Roe v. Wade* settled the issue of abortion once and for all. But all it did was establish a special-rules regime for abortion jurisprudence that has left these cases out of step with other Court decisions and neutral principles of law applied by the Court. As a result, state legislatures, and the people they represent, have lacked clarity in passing laws to protect legitimate public interests, and artificial guideposts have stunted important public debate on how we, as a society, care for the dignity of women and their children."

I wholeheartedly agree. The unlimited-abortion regime created by the *Roe* decision was wrong when it was handed down, and it is wrong now. It is bad for the unborn, and it is bad for women. I hope the Supreme Court recognizes that when it hears oral arguments in the *Dobbs* case on December 1.

I am confident Attorney General Fitch will make our State proud by steadfastly defending Mississippi's law to protect unborn Mississippians are proud to have this champion for life representing our State in this landmark case. I am praying for General Fitch and for her staff as they prepare to continue the fight to defend life before the highest court in the land.●

## RECOGNIZING INTERNS

• Ms. ROSEN. Madam President, I am proud to host a number of interns from Nevada in my office, all of whom have contributed greatly to my work in the U.S. Senate. I know I speak for my colleagues as well when I say that many of our interns have enjoyed and benefited from a wonderful program operated by the Stennis Center for Public Service. This program is designed to enhance the internship experience for exceptional future leaders, giving young Americans an inside look at how Congress works and an opportunity to learn from bipartisan senior staffers and foster bipartisan relationships that will carry some of them through their career supporting Congress.

Stennis interns are selected based on their employment experience, college course load, and future service to Congress. This fall, 32 interns were chosen to be a part of this prestigious experience. These interns serve us on both sides of the aisle, working for Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate, including one exceptional intern in my office who was awarded this opportunity: Natalie Gilbert of Las Vegas, NV.

Natalie is an impressive young Nevada, having earned the distinguished honors of State of Nevada Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney and National Merit Commended Scholar in 2020. Before interning with my office, she interned with the Clark County District Attorney's Office in the homicide and domestic violence departments and worked directly with their victim advocacy program. Surpassing over 100 hours of volunteer service, Natalie has been an invaluable member of our Las Vegas community. I am proud to recognize Natalie and her incredible efforts. I wish her only the best as she continues to pursue her studies in political economy and justice and peace studies at Georgetown University.

In addition to Natalie, I would like to congratulate all of the Stennis interns on their completion of this exceptional program. I also thank the Stennis Center and their senior Fellows for providing a meaningful experience and fostering bipartisan work.

I ask that the names of the 2021 Fall Stennis congressional interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

Delanie Blubaugh, LaVale, MD, U.S. Representative David Trone; Sameer Chhetri, Philadelphia, PA, U.S. Representative Lois Frankel; Alexandra Dorotinsky, Damascus, MD, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen; Adam Duffy, Washington, DC, House Committee on Rules; Drew Ficociello, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Cindy Axne; Rukmini Ganesh, Bowling Green, KY, House Committee on Education and Labor.

Natalie Gilbert, Las Vegas, NV, U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen; Ava Goble, Hilo, HI, U.S. Representative Kaiuli Kahale; Diana Grechukhina, Ocean City, MD, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen; Kathleen Griffith, Washington, DC, Senate Special Committee on Aging; Kendall Groza, Washington, DC, U.S.

Representative Billy Long; Amanda Guillard, Washington, DC, House Committee on the Judiciary.

Kylie Harlan, Bells, TX, U.S. Representative Kevin Brady; Victoria Izaguirre, Spring Branch, TX, U.S. Representative Randy Weber; Niklas Kleinworth, Washington, DC, U.S. Senator James Risch; Catherine Lawson, Arlington, VA, U.S. Representative Kevin Brady; Haley Ledford, Fort Dodge, IA, U.S. Representative Randy Feenstra; Laura Ludwig, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta.

Sophie Mittelstaedt, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Marilyn Strickland; Jennifer Rivera-Galindo, Miami, FL, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Jeremy Rodriguez-Melendez, Hormigueros, PR, U.S. Representative Don Young; Owen Rosenberg, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Andrew Garbarino; Caroline Rykard, Midway, GA, U.S. Representative Buddy Carter; Natalie Salazar, Houston, TX, U.S. Representative Sylvia Garcia.

Ethan Sanders, Bartlesville, OK, U.S. Representative Lizzie Fletcher; Ben Savercool, Washington, DC, House Committee on Appropriations; Alexandra Schindewolf, Woodbine, NJ, U.S. Representative Ken Buck; Alexander Siegal, Longboat Key, FL, U.S. Representative Charlie Crist; Jaydn Smith, Washington, DC, U.S. Senator Deb Fischer; Sydney Smith, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Mondaire Jones.

McKayla Steineke, Boston, MA, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Jessie Xu, West Hartford, CT, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.●

## TRIBUTE TO MAHAM SHAH

• Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Maham Shah, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Maham is a recent graduate of Baylor University in Waco, TX, having earned degrees in psychology and political science. This spring, Maham plans to continue serving the American people by working on Capitol Hill. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Maham for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

## TRIBUTE TO DESTINY WENGER

• Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Destiny Wenger, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Destiny is a graduate of Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock High School in Hazelton, ND. Currently, she is attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Destiny for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

# TRIBUTE TO LAUREN CARSON

• Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today to honor an accomplished policymaker, a protector of environmental and public health, and my State representative: Lauren Carson. Representative Carson represents Rhode Island's 75th district and has a long history of working on issues related to sea level rise, reducing waste, and protecting the health and safety of Rhode Islanders.

Representative Carson holds a bachelor's degree from Ramapo College and two master's degrees from the University of Rhode Island. She is a businessowner and an environmental advocate who worked for several years with Clean Water Action.

Representative Carson also served her community through several organizations, including the advisory board of the Alliance for a Livable Newport, the Newport Energy and Environment Commission, the Rhode Island Green Infrastructure Coalition, and the Environmental Council of Rhode Island.

In 2014, Representative Carson successfully ran for a seat in the State legislature. At the statehouse, she has moved policy forward to protect Rhode Island's environment. Among many other accomplishments, Ms. Carson created and led a commission on the effects of rising seas. She introduced a bill that created a uniform statewide process for permitting solar panel installations. She cosponsored legislation to phase out polluting cesspools. Earlier this year, she was appointed as, deputy majority leader, a role which she used to steward the 2021 Act on Climate into law, setting statewide net-zero goals for 2050 across all sectors. She coleads the Aquidneck Island Climate Caucus to give voice to the importance of preventing and preparing for a warmer world and focus the island's efforts on sea level rise.

I am glad to recognize Representative Carson's dedicated service and to share my appreciation for all of her contributions to our State and our environment.●

# TRIBUTE TO DAWN EUER

• Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today to honor one of Rhode Island's most respected oceans and environmental policymakers, who happens to also be my State Senator, Dawn Euer. All of us whom have worked with Senator Euer recognize her deep commitment to Rhode Island and to safeguarding the future of the planet by fighting the climate crisis.

Senator Euer earned a law degree from Roger Williams University. While in law school, she served as a legal intern in my office, where I saw firsthand her dedication to public service and to using the law to better the lives of others.

Senator Euer began her political career as an activist and organizer. She was instrumental in the fight to make

gay marriage the law of the land in Rhode Island.

Senator Euer has served on the boards of the Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island and Bike Newport. She has also advised the Newport City Council on energy efficiency, renewables, sustainable planning, and other environmental matters.

In 2017, Senator Euer successfully ran to represent parts of Newport and Jamestown in the Rhode Island State Senate. Running in a district on the front lines of climate change and sea level rise, Senator Euer advocated for substantial investments in renewable energy and resiliency. In the last legislative session, Senator Euer delivered on that promise in a big way. She succeeded in passing the Act on Climate bill, the most comprehensive climate legislation in State history. As the lead sponsor, Senator Euer developed an actionable plan to create mandatory and enforceable emissions reduction goals that chart a course to a safer future. With that legislative victory in hand, Senator Euer recently traveled to COP26 in Glasgow to help show the world that American climate leadership is back.

For my friend Senator Euer's tireless efforts in championing the 2021 Act on Climate and for all of her hard work on behalf of the people of Newport and Jamestown, I stand today to recognize her.●

# TRIBUTE TO MEG KERR

• Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today to honor Meg Kerr, a staunch advocate for the environmental movement. Ms. Kerr retired earlier this year after a successful career of climate leadership and service to the State of Rhode Island.

After graduating from Brown University and the University of North Carolina, Ms. Kerr began the early part of her career as a scientist. She worked for the Environmental Protection Agency across North Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., where she partnered with States to standardize water quality reporting aligned with the Clean Water Act.

Ms. Kerr then moved back to Rhode Island and quickly established herself as a prominent advocate for the environment, taking on roles at the Rhode Island Rivers Council, the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, and Clean Water Action. Ms. Kerr closed out her impressive career as the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Senior Director of Policy.

To add to the list of her accomplishments, Ms. Kerr was a founder of the Rhode Island Green Infrastructure Coalition and helped launch the Providence Stormwater Innovation Center. She also helped found the annual Land and Water Conservation Summit that brought together hundreds of environmentalists from the State and region for over a decade. Ms. Kerr is passionate about pollinators, as dem-

onstrated by her work organizing the Bee Rally to bring attention to the threats faced by our beloved bugs.

Ms. Kerr is a fierce and respected leader for the environment and a familiar face at the Rhode Island statehouse. Her expertise, mentorship of others, and ability to get things done for Rhode Island's environmental community has made a real mark on our State. I am proud to recognize her service and thank her for all she has done to protect our environment.●

# MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

# EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

# PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT TERMINATES THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13712 OF NOVEMBER 22, 2015, WITH RESPECT TO BURUNDI, AND REVOKES THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER—PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with subsection 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, and revokes that Executive Order.

The President issued Executive Order 13712 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the situation in Burundi, which had been marked by the killing of and violence against civilians, unrest, incitement of imminent violence, and significant political repression. In Executive Order 13712, the President addressed the threat by blocking the property and interests in property of, among others, persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for or